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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5,7-9 and 11-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 3,4,6,10 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Applicants' Preliminary Amendment, filed on July 7, 2005, has been made of record and entered. In this amendment, no claims have been canceled or added.

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application.

Claim Objections

1. Claims 4, 6, 10, and 18 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim, and should refer to other claims in the alternative only.

See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims have not been further treated on the merits.

Further, claim 18 recites the phrase "whereby preferably the catalyst is a catalyst according to any of the preceding claims"; preceding claims 1-10 are directed to a method.

2. Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 3 recites the phrase "acidic acid"; it appears that the claim is intended to recite "acetic acid".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, and 11-17 under consideration by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. ***Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, and 11-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Power et al. (U. S. Patent No. 5,277,889).***

Power et al. teach metal halide compositions produced by vapor phase deposition via reactions involving organometallic starting materials in a process wherein a carbon getter is provided in a reaction zone. See the Abstract of Power et al., as well as col. 3, lines 3-25.

Examples of carbon getters include CClF_3 (which reads upon the formula recited in Claim 7 when $g = 0$ and $h = 3$). See col. 3, lines 27-31 of Power et al.

Patentees' method can be used in the vapor deposition of any desired metal halide or combinations of metal halides, but is particularly useful in the manufacture of halide glasses, which are non-crystalline or amorphous metal halide compositions. See col. 3, lines 53-64 of Power et al., which discloses exemplary metal fluorides comparable to those represented by the formulae recited in claims 13-17.

In view of these teachings, Power et al. anticipate claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, and 11-17.

5. ***Claims 1, 5, 8, 9, and 11-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Balzer et al. (U. S. Patent No. 4,798,818).***

Balzer et al. teach a process for preparing a catalyst by mixing aluminum fluoride with a transition metal compound (selected from compounds of, inter alia, chromium and vanadium), and contacting the admixture with sufficient anhydrous HF to convert the transition metal compound to a transition metal fluoride. See col. 4, lines 35-50 of Balzer et al.

The mechanical mixture of aluminum fluoride and the metal compound should preferably be heated to a temperature greater than about 150°C in the presence of HF. See col. 5, lines 31-44 of Balzer et al.; this disclosure is considered to read upon the limitations of claim 5 regarding the "temperature below the crystallization point of the amorphous metal fluoride".

In view of these teachings, Balzer et al. anticipate claims 1, 5, 8, 9, and 11-17.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants are respectfully informed that the indication of allowable subject matter can and will be withdrawn, pending Applicants' amendments to the instant claims and remarks in response to this Office Action.

Priority

7. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Applicants' Priority Documents were filed on July 7, 2005.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

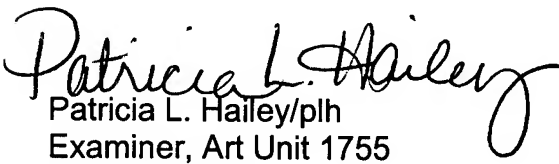
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia L. Hailey whose telephone number is (571) 272-1369. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Fridays, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo, can be reached on (571) 272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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